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SUBJECT: 1975 "BLUE BOOK" ON JAPANESE DIPLOMACY

1. THE "BLUE BOOK," GOJ ANNUAL REVIEW OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, WAS ISSUED OCTOBER 1 BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE, THE TWENTIETH SUCH SURVEY TO APPEAR.

2. KEY NOTE IS INJUNCTION TO "STRENGTHEN TIES WITH THE WESTERN NATIONS WHILE MAINTAINING STABLE RELATIONS WITH EASTERN NATIONS." FONOFF CONTACTS HAVE USED PHRASE "STABLE RELATIONS" OFTEN IN PAST YEAR TO DESCRIBE TIES WITH PEKING AND MOSCOW THAT ARE BUSINESSLIKE,
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UNEMOTIONAL AND BY COMMON CONSENT WILL PERSIST IN

SPITE OF LINGERING DISPUTES (THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE, THE HEGEMONY CLAUSE) OR BILATERAL INCIDENTS (E.G., THE MIG-25).

3. BLUE BOOK PLACES EVEN HEAVIER THAN USUAL STRESS ON JAPANESE EFFORTS TO FOSTER WORLD PEACE. THIS IS DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC-RELATIONS EFFORT LAUNCHED AFTER DIET RATIFICATION OF NPT IN MAY AND LARGELY IDENTIFIED WITH EX-FONMIN MIYAZAWA. SAME EFFORT TO BUILD UNDERSTANDING OF JAPAN'S "PEACE-ORIENTED FOREIGN POLICY" WAS EVIDENT IN NEW FONMIN KOSAKA'S UNGA GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH DELIVERED SEPTEMBER 27.

4. INTER ALIA IN SUPPORT OF PEACE THEME, BLUE BOOK SAYS JAPAN SHOULD:

--MAKE CONSTANT EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH "INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURES" ON KOREAN PENINSULA AND IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, TO AVOID, TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DISPUTES AND FOSTER STABILIZED REACTIONS;

--EXTEND "ALL-OUT SUPPORT" TO INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO BRING "FAIR AND PERPETUAL PEACE" TO MIDDLE EAST;

--WORK AGAINST PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND SEEK TO RESTRAIN NORTH-SOUTH TRADE IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS;

--FOSTER DIALOGUE AIMING AT ESTABLISHMENT OF "HEALTHY RELATIONS" BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AND LDC'S.

5. BLUE BOOK DESCRIBES MAINTENANCE OF FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE-RELATIONS WITH US AS "BASIS OF JAPAN'S WORLD POLICY." IT APPEARS, MOREOVER, TO PLACE SLIGHTLY INCREASED STRESS ON IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE TIES WITH OTHER INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES.

6. FONOFF PLANNING DEPDIVDIR ARAFUNE COMMENTED
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TO EMBOFF THAT HIS OFFICE HAD WIDENED PERSPECTIVE OF BLUE BOOK, WHICH NORMALLY LIMITS REPORT TO JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY DURING THE PAST YEAR. IN DOING SO FONOFF HOPED TO IMPROVE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH FIXED AND VARIABLE ELEMENTS OF FOREIGN POLICY PICTURE AS SEEN BY GOVERNMENT. ARAFUNE SAID THE PUBLICATION HAD BEEN MONTHS IN PREPARATION AND

WAS UNAFFECTED BY CHANGE IN FOREIGN MINISTERS. ONLY
REALLY NEW POINT OF SUBSTANCE WAS CALL FOR RESTRAINT
IN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS DEALS, AN IDEA PARTICULARLY
FAVORED ORIGINALLY BY FORMER FONMIN MIYAZAWA, WHICH
HAS GAINED SUPPORT WITHIN BUREAUCRACY.
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